

Bihar Special

Hajipur Footwear

Why in the news?

- ❖ Hajipur is the second-fastest-developing city in Bihar after Patna.
- ❖ **International Manufacturing:**
- ❖ **Safety Shoes for Russian Army:** Manufactured by Hajipur-based Competence Exports.
- ❖ **Requirements:** Lightweight, slip-resistant, special features in the sole, withstand extreme weather (-40°C).
- ❖ **Employment Initiatives:** Focus on state employment, with 70% of the 300 employees being women.
- ❖ **Luxury Designer Shoes:** Exported to European markets, including Italy, France, Spain, and the UK.
- ❖ **Price-**The price of these shoes ranges from Rs 4,000 to Rs 80,000.



Bihar Enters National Mine Auction Map

Why in the news?

Bihar entered the mine auction map for the first time, as announced by Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Kumar Sinha.

- ❖ **Event:** A conference on mining and excavation organized by the central government will be held in Hyderabad on July 20, 2024.

Bihar's Participation:

- ❖ Out of eight critical mineral blocks in the country, three are from Bihar.
- ❖ These blocks have potential mines for glauconite, nickel, chromium, and platinum group elements.

Economic Impact:

- ❖ Increased revenue and employment generation for Bihar.
- ❖ Significant boost to the state's economic development and investment potential.

Regulatory Changes: Amendments to the Mining Rules 1957 since 2015 aim to open the mineral sector to investors, facilitating the development of these mines.

Polity And Governance

Haryana Announces Reservations for Agniveers

Why in the news?

Haryana has announced a 10% reservation for Agniveers in certain state government jobs and age relaxation for other services.

- ❖ In direct recruitment to posts of constable, mining guard, forest guard, jail warden and special police officer made by the state government, there will be a 10% horizontal reservation for Agniveers.

Miscellaneous

Operation 'Nanhe Farishte'

Why in the news?

The Railway Protection Force (RPF) has rescued 84,119 children under Operation Nanhe Farishte during the last seven years (2018 to May 2024).

- ❖ The Railway Protection Force (RPF) started operation 'Nanhe Farishte' in 2018.
- ❖ **Objective:** To rescue children, including runaway, missing, left behind, destitute, kidnapped, mentally challenged, and street children.

India's First Miss Universal Petite

Why in the news?

Shruti Hegde won the title of Miss Universal Petite.

- ❖ **Achievement:** First Indian woman to win the Miss Universal Petite competition.
- ❖ **Profession:** Doctor.

Competition:

- ❖ Miss Universal Petite, an annual event started in 2009.
- ❖ Held in Tampa, Florida, USA.
- ❖ It is designed for women who can't participate in other international beauty contests due to their height.



Awards and Honors

Gulbenkian Prize

Why in the news?

Andhra Pradesh Community Managed Natural Farming (APCNF) Wins 2024 Gulbenkian Prize for Humanity

- ❖ **Prize Sharing:** APCNF will share the one million euro prize with soil scientist Rattan Lal and the SKEEM of Egypt.
- ❖ **Recognition:** Awarded for contributions to global food security, climate resilience, and ecosystem protection.

Andhra Pradesh Community Managed Natural Farming (APCNF)

- ❖ **Launch:** Initiated in 2016 by the Andhra Pradesh government through the Rythu Sadhikara Samstha scheme.
- ❖ **Objective:** Encourage small farmers to adopt natural farming methods over chemically intensive practices.

- ❖ **Methods promoted:** Farmers were encouraged to use organic residues, minimise tillage to improve soil health, use indigenous seeds and diversify crops, including the plantation of trees.
- ❖ **Aim:** Provide sustainable solutions to agricultural economic crises and climate change impacts.

Expansion Plans

- ❖ **Coverage:** Targeting all eight million farmer households in Andhra Pradesh over the next 10 years.
- ❖ **National Support:** Assisting 12 other Indian states to promote natural farming in the 2024-25 fiscal year.
- ❖ **International Promotion:** Prize money to be used for promoting natural farming in five countries.

Gulbenkian Prize

- ❖ **Set up by:** Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation of Portugal in 2020.
- ❖ The award is given to individuals and organisations for their outstanding contributions to tackling the challenge of climate action and providing sustainable solutions that inspire hope.
- ❖ **Total prize money :** one million euros

Sports

Deepa Malik Appointed Sub-Regional Representative for South Asia

Why in the news?

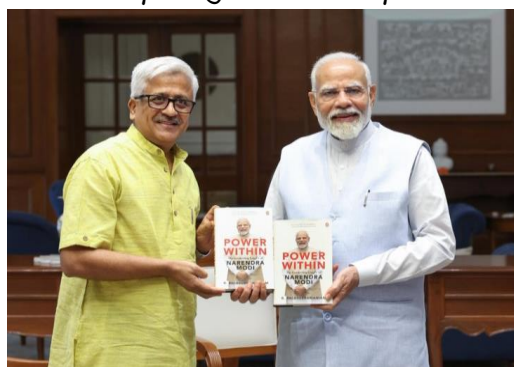
India's first female Paralympic medalist, Deepa Malik, has been appointed as the Sub-Regional Representative for South Asia by the Asian Paralympic Committee (APC).

- ❖ This appointment, which was confirmed during the 34th Executive Board meeting of the APC, signifies a significant step forward for gender diversity and athlete-centric leadership in para-sports.

Books And Authors

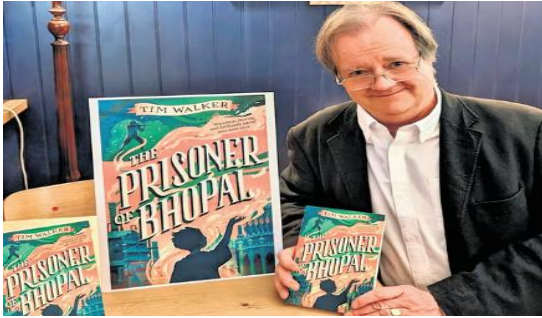
Book: 'Power Within: The Leadership Legacy of Narendra Modi'.

- ❖ **Author:** Dr R Balasubramaniam
- ❖ The book explores Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership journey, offering an analysis through both Western and Indic perspectives. It combines these viewpoints to create a comprehensive roadmap for individuals aspiring to a life of public service.



"The Prisoner of Bhopal"

- ❖ **Author:** Tim Walker, an award-winning designer-turned-author.
- ❖ **Significance:** Commemorates the 40th anniversary of the Bhopal gas tragedy, one of India's most devastating industrial disasters.



News in Short

- ❖ Tesla CEO Elon Musk announced that he is relocating the headquarters of both SpaceX and the social media platform X, formerly known as Twitter, to Texas.
- ❖ NASA has transmitted Missy Elliott's 1997 hit song "The Rain (Supa Dupa Fly)" to Venus, marking the first time a hip-hop song has been beamed into deep space.



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